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AUSTRALIA

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO BE DELIVERED
BY SECRETARY WEINBERGER AT APPROPRIATE CORAL SEA FUNCTIONS
IN AUSTRALIA DURING WEEK OF MAY 5.

BEGIN QUOTE

ON THIS THIRTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE CORAL
SEA, I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND THE GREETINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT
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AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE
AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION AND TO ALL AUSTRALIANS.

AS WE IN AMERICA LOOK FORWARD TO OUR BICENTENNIAL NEXT

YEAR, WE ALSO LOOK BACK TO THE BATTLE OF THE CORAL SEA
WHICH STRENGTHENED THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND PARTNER-
SHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, BONDS WHICH HAVE ENDURED
AND GROWN BECAUSE OF OUR SHARED
INTERESTS, GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS AND OUR MUTUAL COMMITMENT
TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND WORLD PEACE.

TO THE PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA, I EXTEND MY WARMEST PERSONAL
GOOD WISHES ON THIS OCCASION.

GERALD R. FORD

END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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